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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: HIROSHI FUKUMOTO ET AL. Serial No.: 09/865,691 Filed: MAY 29, 2001 For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS WITH PARTIALLY SHIELDED LIGHT-RECEIVING ELEMENTS	 Art Unit: 2625 Examiner: SAFAIPOUR, HOUSHANG
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2006 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A Third Extension of Time fee is believed to be due, as detailed in the attached documents. A Petition for the third extension of time is enclosed herewith. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 03-3975.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: begin on page 5 of this paper.